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January 19, 2010

Ms. Jill Davis  
Athens Utility Board  
P.O. Box 689  
Athens, TN 37371

Re: Compliance Evaluation Inspection (CEI) Report  
AUB – North Mouse Creek WWTP  
NPDES Permit Number TNR056423  
McMinn County

Dear Ms. Davis:

On January 12, 2010, Mr. Scott Howell and Ms. Angela Young of my office performed a Compliance Evaluation Inspection (CEI) of the above referenced site. They met with Mr. Greg Hayes, and Mr. Craig Brymer onsite and were provided information during the inspection. The purpose of the inspection was to independently determine the facility's compliance with the terms and conditions of the NPDES Permit Number TNR056423.

Below is the CEI report. Please note that I have forwarded a copy of this report to EPA Region 4 in Atlanta.

**Permit Verification:** *Evaluation - Satisfactory*

Tennessee Multi-Sector General Permit (TMSP)-NPDES Permit Number TNR056423 Sector T became effective on March 15, 2003 with an expiration date of December 31, 2006. The permit authorizes the discharge of storm water associated with industrial activities to unnamed tributaries of North Mouse Creek. A copy of the NOI dated March 4, 2003, and the permit were maintained onsite.

**Records and Reports** - *Evaluation - Satisfactory*

The facility adequately maintains records as required by the permit. Records for monitoring reports, quarterly visual inspections, and training were all kept onsite for at least three years. Records are onsite and available for review as required.

**Facility Site Review** - *Evaluation – Satisfactory*

The facility is a wastewater treatment plant that serves a portion of Athens, TN. The site was constructed in 1995 and functions as an oxidation ditch treatment process. The facility is rated for 1.2 MGD average flow. The site is approximately 3 acres with the majority being maintained vegetated grounds. Stormwater from the facility primarily sheet flows off the site. There are two drains on site whose outfalls flow into adjacent fields ultimately reaching North Mouse Creek. Based on the quarterly inspections and from site personnel, these outfalls never discharge. The few small areas where stormwater may come in contact with material are curbed such that stormwater is contained and diverted back into the plant.

The site has no potential to discharge pollution as all critical areas exposed to stormwater use containment and do not discharge off site. Based on our inspection the site meets the terms and conditions of the Storm Water No Exposure Exclusion for Industrial Activity.

**Effluent / Receiving Waters** - *Evaluation - Satisfactory*

There were no signs of pollutants leaving the facility at the outfalls or stormwater system.

**Operation and Maintenance** - *Evaluation – Satisfactory*

The facility has good housekeeping. The operation of the facility appears to be conducted in a manner to minimize pollutants leaving the site via stormwater.

**Self-Monitoring Program** - *Evaluation – Satisfactory*

The facility does conduct regular site inspections as required by the permit. Records of these are kept on site and were made available for review. The facility also provides training with regards to stormwater and those records are kept as well.

**Storm Water** – *Evaluation – Satisfactory*

There were no signs of pollutants in the storm water system. The facility has acceptable storm water management practices that are documented in the SWPPP. Spill cleanup is also addressed in the SPCC plan included in the SWPPP.

**Pollution Prevention - Evaluation - Satisfactory**

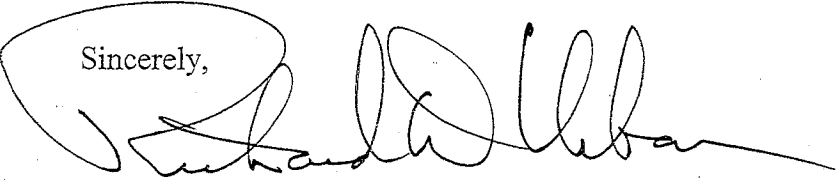
The facility has good pollution prevention measures outlined in their SWPPP and implemented onsite. Areas where stormwater contacts pollutants are constructed in a manner to contain the stormwater and divert it back into the plant to be treated.

**Requested Actions**

- The enclosed No Exposure Certification forms need to be reviewed, filled out, and mailed to the following address:  
**Storm Water NOI Processing**  
Tennessee Division of Water Pollution Control  
6th Floor, L&C Annex, 401 Church Street  
Nashville, TN 37243-1534
- Please be aware that the No Exposure permit is valid for 5 years from the date on the letter. Once received please maintain a copy of the letter on-site.
- Continue to implement good housekeeping practices to ensure that materials do not migrate offsite and materials have **NO** contact with storm water that leaves the site.
- Should the facility decide not to apply for No Exposure exclusion from the permit, coverage needs to be obtained under the current TMSP by submitting a properly filled out NOI.

The Division would like to thank you for your time and assistance during our inspection. If you have any questions concerning either our inspection or this report, please contact Mr. Howell at (423) 634-5711.

Sincerely,

  
Richard D. Urban, Ph.D.  
Field Office Manager  
Division of Water Pollution Control

Enclosure: No Exposure Certification Forms

cc: Environmental Protection Agency, Clean Water Act Enforcement Section, Atlanta Federal Center, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303

DWPC, Enforcement and Compliance Section, Nashville Central Office

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United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Washington, D. C. 20460

## Water Compliance Inspection Report

### Section A: National Data System Coding (i.e., PCS)

Transaction 1	Code 2	NPDES 3	yr / mo / day 12	Inspection Type 17	Inspector 19	Facility Type 20
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Remarks 21						
Inspection Work Days 67						
Facility Self - Monitoring Rating 70						
BI 71						
QA 72						
Reserved 73						
80						

### Section B: Facility Data

Name and Location of Facility Inspected (For industrial users discharging to POTW, also include POTW name and NPDES permit number) AUB North Mouse Creek WWTP 339 County Road 128 Athens, TN 37303	Entry Time / Date. 1005 / 12JAN10	Permit Effective Date 03/15/2003
	Exit Time / Date 1500 / 12JAN10	Permit Expiration Date 12/31/2006
Name(s) of Onsite Representative(s) / Title(s) / Phone and Fax Number(s) Greg Hays - Chief Operator 423-744-7533 ghayes@aub.org	Other Facility Data (e.g., SIC NAICS, and other descriptive information)	
Name, Address of Responsible Official / Title / Phone and Fax Number Jill Davis - Superintendent of Water & Wastewater P.O. Box 689, Athens, TN 37371 423-745-4501	Contacted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

### Section C: Areas Evaluated During Inspection (Check only those areas evaluated)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self-Monitoring Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Pretreatment	<input type="checkbox"/> MS4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Records / Reports	<input type="checkbox"/> Compliance Schedules	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pollution Prevention	<input type="checkbox"/> CAFO
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Facility Site Review	<input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Storm Water	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Effluent/ Receiving Waters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Operation & Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> Combined Sewer Overflow	
<input type="checkbox"/> Flow Measurement	<input type="checkbox"/> Sludge Handling/Disposal	<input type="checkbox"/> Sanitary Sewer Overflow	

### Section D: Summary of Findings / Comments

(Attach additional sheets of narrative and checklists, including Single Event Violation codes, as necessary)

SEV Codes	SEV Description
<input type="checkbox"/>	
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Name (s) and Signature of Inspector  Scott Howell, ES 3	Agency / Office / Phone and Fax Numbers State Of Tennessee Division of Water Pollution Control Chattanooga Environmental Field Office Phone: (423) 634-5745 Fax: (423) 634-6389	Date 1-19-10
Name (s) and Signature of Inspector  Angela Young, ES 4	Agency / Office / Phone and Fax Numbers State Of Tennessee Division of Water Pollution Control Chattanooga Environmental Field Office Phone: (423) 634-5745 Fax: (423) 634-6389	Date
Signature of Management Q A Reviewer Richard D. Urban, PhD.	Agency / Office / Phone and Fax Numbers State Of Tennessee Division of Water Pollution Control Chattanooga Environmental Field Office Phone: (423) 634-5745 Fax: (423) 634-6389	Date